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SUBJECT: ECUADOR, LATIN AMERICA FY 78 ASSISTANCE LEVELS

REF: STAE 41170

1. ALL FOUR MAJOR ECUADOREAN PAPERS REPORTED MARCH 3 THE PUBLICATION OF FY 78 SECURITY ASSISTANCE LEVELS REQUESTED BY THE ADMINISTRATION. UNFORTUNATELY, THE GREAT DIVERGENCE OF FIGURES IN THE VARIOUS PAPERS MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR INTERESTED PARTIES TO KNOW WHO GOT WHAT. THE US WIRE SERVICES SEEM TO BE NO MORE ACCURATE THAN THE OTHERS.

2. FOLLOWING ARE COMPARATIVE FIGURES. TO CORRECT FOR THE FACT THAT NONE OF THE PAPERS BROKE FIGURES DOWN BY TYPE OF ASSISTANCE, COLUMN ONE SHOWS COUNTRY TOTALS (MAP, IMETP, AND CREDITS) TAKEN FROM STATE 41170. COLUMN TWO FIGURES APPEARED IN QUITO'S EL TIEMPO WITH AN AP ACREDIT. THE THIRD COLUMN GIVES THE FIGURES FROM QUITO'S EL COMERCIO WHICH
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CREDITED BOTH AFP AND UPI. THE GUAYAQUIL PAPERS ARE NOT LISTED: EL UNIVERSO CARRIED A GENERAL ARTICLE WHICH GAVE REGIONAL BUT NO COUNTRY-BY-COUNTRY BREAKDOWNS, AND EL TELEGRAFO'S ARTICLE CREDITED AFP AND HAD THE SAME FIGURES AS EL COMERCIO:

TOTAL FROM	EL TIEMPO	EL COMERCIO
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COUNTRY	STATE 41170	(AP)	(AFP) (UPI)
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ARGENTINA	15.7	19	15
BOLIVIA	15	14	15
BRAZIL	50.1	55	50.1
COLOMBIA	30	29	39
DOM. REP.	1.765	1	1.765
ECUADOR	10.9	10	10.4
EL SALVADOR	3.125	2	-
GUATEMALA	2.11	1	3.125
HAITI	.7	1	.7
HONDURAS	3.12	1	3.120
MEXICO	.2	-	.2
NICARAGUA	3.1	2	3.1
PANAMA	1.43	-	1.43
PARAGUAY	3.1	2	3.1
PANAMA	1.43	-	1.43
PARAGUAY	1.1	.5	1.1
PERU	10.9	10	10.9
VENEZUELA	.1	-	.1

3. EMBASSY, FRANKLY, IS ALMOST AS PERPLEXED AS ECUADOREANS. WE ASSUME STATE 41170 TRANSMITTED THE CORRECT FIGURES. BUT SIMPLY CANNOT ACCOUNT FOR HOW THOSE FIGURES COULD HAVE BEEN SO GARBLED IN TRANSMISSION TO THE PRESS. OF PARTICULAR CONCERN HERE, OF COURSE, IS THE FALSE IMPRESSION WHICH HAS BEEN CREATED THAT PERU WILL RECEIVE MORE ASSISTANCE THAN ECUADOR.

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4. ACTION REQUESTED: (A) CONFIRMATION ASAP THAT STATE 41170 LEVELS ARE IN FACT CORRECT; AND (B) THAT DEPARTMENT TRANSMIT TRANSCRIPT OF PRESS RELEASE ANNOUNCING THE FIGURES AS SOON AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.
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